

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



**FISCAL NOTE**

**HB 831 - SB 829**

March 24, 2009

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Prohibits the court from admitting expert testimony on or recognizing as a scientific method parental alienation syndrome in custody determinations of a minor child. Parental alienation syndrome is defined as the alleged disorder proposed by Richard A. Gardner that suggests that a child can become obsessively preoccupied with criticism of a parent.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**State Revenue – Net Impact – Not Significant**  
**State Expenditures – Net Impact – Not Significant**

**Local Expenditures – Net Impact – Not Significant**  
**Local Revenue – Net Impact – Not Significant**

Assumption:

- A small impact in cases in the court system, which will result in an impact to state and local government expenditures for processing the cases and an impact to state and local government revenue from fees, taxes and costs collected. The net impact on these expenditures and revenue are estimated to be not significant.

**CERTIFICATION:**

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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